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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 11 are rejected and claims 2-10 and 12-17 are allowed in this application.

Claim 1 is amended hereby. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added as part of changes to claim 1.

Responsive to the rejection to claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,776,554 (Pigman), Applicant has amended claim 1 and respectfully submits that claims 1 and 11 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1, as amended, recites in part:

a water removal member...for physically and forcibly
removing condensate water depositing on said cooling coil...

Applicant respectfully submits that such an invention as set forth in claim 1 is neither taught, disclosed, nor suggested by Pigman '554 or any of the other cited references either alone or in combination.

Pigman '554 illustrates that room air 15 is cooled by an evaporator 16 with moisture therefrom depositing on evaporator 16. The moisture of water vapor has been condensed upon evaporator 16 during the operation of the unit, column 3, lines 57-59. This condensate then drips from evaporator 16 and is caught in a trough 21 position therebelow, column 3, lines 73-75. As such, the condensate water drops naturally into trough 21, and no further element is provided whose express function is to physically and

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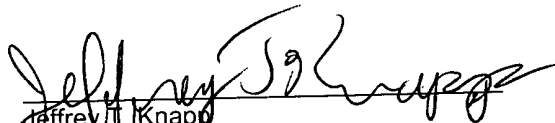
forcibly remove such condensate water from evaporator 16. Accordingly, Pigman '554 fails to teach or suggest the present invention as set forth in claim 1, as amended.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, and claim 11 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance and hereby respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 11 based upon Pigman '554 be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-10 and 12-17 are allowed, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

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